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Applicants	Ronny Knepple, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 09/403,072	Filing Date: January 19, 2000
Title of Application	Method For Labelling Sample Containers
Group Art Unit: 2876	Examiner: Diane I. Lee

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**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a Request for a CPA**

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated July 19, 2002,  
Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Request for a Continuation  
Prosecution Application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 12.

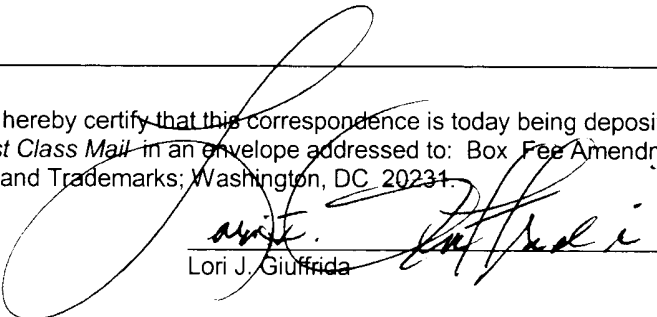
Version with Markings to Show Changes Made:

Please replace claim 2 with the following amended claim 2:

2. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in 10, characterized in that the elevated  
temperature [interval] is between 300°C and 600°C.

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